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(B) STATE 139909, JUNE 19, 1975

FOR CHIEFS OF MISSION FROM AMBASSADOR VANCE

1. THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT ON THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM WAS
CONTAINED IN THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL MESSAGE ON CRIME SENT
TO THE CONGRESS ON JUNE 19, 1975:

"I AM PARTICULARLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE ILLEGAL TRAFFICK-
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ING IN NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS. THESE CRIMES
VICTIMIZE THE ENTIRE NATION, BRINGING PERSONAL TRAGEDY AND
FAMILY DESTRUCTION TO HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS. IN ADDITION
TO THE HUMAN TOLL, THE PROPERTY CRIMES COMMITTED TO FINANCE

ADDICTS' DRUG HABITS ARE ESTIMATED AT DOLS. 15 BILLION EACH YEAR.

"FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS MUST CONTINUE THEIR VIGOROUS LAW ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS AIMED AT MAJOR TRAFFICKERS IN NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS. THIS ADMINISTRATION IS COMMITTED TO MAINTAINING A STRONG FEDERAL DRUG ENFORCEMENT

ADMINISTRATION TO PROVIDE LEADERSHIP IN THIS FIGHT. AT THE SAME TIME, I CONTINUE TO RECOGNIZE OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO PROVIDE COMPASSIONATE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS FOR THE HAPLESS VICTIM OF NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS.

"RECENT EVIDENCE SUGGESTS AN INCREASE IN THE AVAILABILITY AND USE OF DANGEROUS DRUGS IN SPITE OF THE CREATION OF SPECIAL FEDERAL AGENCIES AND MASSIVE FEDERAL FUNDING DURING THE PAST SIX YEARS. I AM DEEPLY CONCERNED OVER THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND HAVE, THEREFORE, DIRECTED THE DOMESTIC COUNCIL TO UNDERTAKE A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF THE OVERALL FEDERAL DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND ENFORCEMENT EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT OUR PROGRAMS, POLICIES AND LAWS ARE APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE."

2. AS YOU KNOW, THE DRUGS OF ABUSE IN THIS COUNTRY CONTINUE TO BE PRIMARILY OF FOREIGN ORIGIN. HENCE, OUR EFFORTS ABROAD TO RESTRICT THEIR FLOW TO THE UNITED STATES REMAIN OF PRIORITY IMPORTANCE AMONG THE GOALS OF OUR DIPLOMACY. IN REVIEWING YOUR MISSION'S ACTIVITIES IN SUPPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATION'S INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL PROGRAM, PLEASE CONSIDER WHAT NEW INITIATIVES MIGHT BE PURSUED AND LET ME HAVE ANY FURTHER SUGGESTIONS YOU BELIEVE WOULD LEAD TO MORE EFFECTIVE CONDUCT OF THIS HIGHLY IMPORTANT PROGRAM. INGERSOLL

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